

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

LOCATION: The 17 Western States in Reclamation's Service Area.

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Reclamation Working Capital Fund (WCF) is comprised of various activities designed to provide more efficient financing, accounting, cost recovery, management, and budgeting for support services, facilities, and equipment. The activities covered within the WCF are automated data processing (ADP) computer systems, transportation vehicles, aircraft, drilling equipment, centralized finance services, water quality laboratories, geographic information systems, ADP capital investments, underwater inspection team, construction support office, accessibility data management systems, heavy and mobile equipment, photogrammetry and surveys, common services activities, information resource infrastructure support, information technology investment, engineering support services, and the employee leave account.

The WCF is available without fiscal year limitation for expenses necessary for furnishing materials, supplies, equipment, facilities, work, and services in support of Reclamation programs. It is credited with appropriations made for the purpose of providing or increasing capital. By design, the fund operates on a self-supporting basis through user charges deposited in the fund. Charges to users are based on rates approximately equal to the costs of furnishing the materials, supplies, equipment, facilities, and services, including labor and related costs.

The 2004 budget includes a one-time reduction of \$4.5 million in the Working Capital Fund from savings related to information technology management reforms. This reduction is possible due the availability of unobligated balances that can be cancelled. The Department is undertaking significant information technology reforms to improve the management of IT investments, to improve the security of systems and information, and to realize short and long-term efficiencies and savings. The Department's corporate approach includes consolidated purchases of hardware and software; consolidations of support functions that include help desks, email support, and web services; and coordination of training.

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 99-141, Appropriations for Energy and Water Development for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1986, Title II: Department of the Interior, November 1, 1985.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

Program Financial Data

Activity	FY 2003 ^{1/}	FY 2004
Revenue	\$319,958,000	\$329,541,000
Prior Year Funds	31,902,000	28,858,000
Reduction	0	(4,525,000)
Unobligated Balance, End of Year	(24,333,000)	(27,742,000)
Total Program	\$327,527,000	\$326,132,000

^{1/} The FY 2003 column reflects the President's budget request level.